

an application program for producing document data, said application program having a function to send a print instruction to print the document data; and

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a printer driver activated by the print instruction of said application program, said printer driver having a function to convert the document data provided by said application program into a predetermined data format and a function to transmit the converted document data via electronic mail;

wherein the printer driver is capable of selecting the predetermined data format suitable for the electronic mail transmission from among a plurality of data formats other than a page description language (PDL) format.

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10. (Amended) A method for transmitting document data prepared by an application program via electronic mail, the method comprising the steps of:

transferring the document data to a printer driver by sending from said application program a print instruction for printing the document data;

selecting a predetermined data format suitable for electronic mail transmission from among a plurality of data formats other than a page description language data format;

converting the document data into a predetermined data format by said printer driver; and

transmitting the converted document data via electronic mail by an electronic mail transmitting function provided to said printer driver.

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11 (Amended) A processor readable medium storing program code for causing a computer to perform a function of a printer driver, comprising:

first program code means for designating document data to be transmitted via electronic mail, the document data being provided to said printer driver in accordance with a print instruction;

second program code means for converting the document data into a predetermined data format; and

third program code means for transmitting the converted document data via electronic mail;

wherein said second program code means includes program code means for selecting a predetermined data format suitable for electronic mail transmission from among a plurality of data formats other than a page description language data format.

Please add new Claim 14 as follows:

14. (New) The electronic mail transmitting apparatus as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said printer driver includes means for determining the predetermined data format suitable for the electronic mail transmission being performed.

#### REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully requested.